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MEN'S TENNIS



No. 1 Barry Edges No. 2 Armstrong For Men's Tennis Title, 5-4





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SAVANNAH, Ga. - The top-ranked and unbeaten Barry University men's tennis team withstood a furious comeback in singles by No. 2-ranked and defending national champion Armstrong Atlantic State University, capturing the 2013 NCAA Division II Men's Tennis National Championship by a 5-4 score at the Surprise Racquet & Tennis Club in Surprise, Ariz., on Saturday morning.

The Bucs (29-0) win their second national championship while handing the Pirates (27-2) their first loss in a national championship match. Barry also captured the 2010 title and improves to 2-5 all-time in national championship matches.

Barry took a commanding 3-0 lead after doubles play, although two of the three matches went down to tiebreakers. The Bucs' first point came quickly at No. 3 doubles as Romain Costamagna and Leo Vivas beat **Jaan Kononov** and **Matus Mydla**, 8-1.

At No. 1 doubles, the second-ranked duo of Marko Mokrzycki and Fabian Groetsch outlasted top-ranked Dan Regan and **Georgi Rumenov**, 9-8 (1), in a tiebreaker to take the second doubles point. At No. 2 doubles, No. 5-ranked **Sven Lalic** and **Pedro Scocuglia** also went to a tiebreaker against the No. 19-ranked duo of Ollie Lemaitre and Max Wimmer. Despite three match points by the Pirates in the tiebreaker, Barry claimed the win with a 9-8 (6) and the 3-0 lead.

In singles play, the Pirates took the first set in five of six singles matches to open up an opportunity to climb back into the match. No. 11-ranked Dan Regan claimed a 6-1, 6-3 win over No. 23-ranked Fabian Groetsch at No. 3 singles to give Armstrong its first point. Barry picked up its fourth point with Romain Costamagna's 6-2, 6-4 win over No. 16 Sven Lalic at No. 4 singles, but Armstrong notched a 6-3, 6-4 win by **Pablo Gor** over Ollie Lemaitre at No. 6 singles.

No. 5-ranked Matus Mydla picked up a 7-6 (2), 6-1 win at No. 1 singles over No. 4 Marko Mokrzycki, then No. 1 **Georgi Rumenov** picked up a 7-6 (6), 6-2 win over No. 26 Max Wimmer to set up a winner-take all match at No. 5 singles.

No. 29-ranked Pedro Scocuglia led Leo Vivas, 6-3, 4-1, but Vivas stormed back to win five straight games to split sets at 6-3, 4-6. Again Scocuglia raced out to a 4-1 lead, but Vivas fought back to 4-4 and eventually won eight straight points to close out the victory for the Bucs.

Despite the loss, the Pirates cap another successful season that has seen Armstrong men's tennis capture three NCAA Division II National Championships in six seasons as well as winning 174 of 180 matches in those six seasons.



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